

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

KATHERINE E. SHROPSHIRE and HAROLD LEVINE, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SMITH BARNEY FUND MANAGEMENT LLC,
and CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-CV-7818
(WHP)

**DECLARATION OF JOSEPH R. SEIDMAN, JR. IN SUPPORT OF
THE MOTION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 649 ANNUITY TRUST
FUND AND JEFFREY WEBER FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFFS
AND APPROVAL OF LEAD PLAINTIFFS' SELECTION OF LEAD COUNSEL**

JOSEPH R. SEIDMAN, JR., under penalties of perjury, hereby declares:

I am associated with Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP. I make this Declaration in Support of the Motion to Appoint Operating Engineers Local 649 Annuity Trust Fund and Jeffrey Weber (the “Movants”) as Lead Plaintiffs Pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and to Approve Lead Plaintiffs’ Choice of Counsel. The matters set forth herein are stated within my personal knowledge.

Attached hereto are true and correct copies of the following documents:

Exhibit 1: Movants’ sworn Certifications;

Exhibit 2: Press release issued on Business Wire, dated October 12, 2005;
and

Exhibit 3: Firm resume for Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP.

Dated: December 12, 2005

/s/

JOSEPH R. SEIDMAN, JR.

EXHIBIT 1

**CERTIFICATION OF NAMED PLAINTIFF
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

ROBERT MARKHAM, ON BEHALF OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 649 ANNUITY TRUST FUND, ("Plaintiff"), declares the following as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and has authorized the filing of a complaint based on similar allegations in a related or amended complaint. Plaintiff retains Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP and such co-counsel it deems appropriate to associate with to pursue such action on a contingent fee basis.
2. Plaintiff did not purchase the security that is the subject of this action at the direction of Plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in this private action.
3. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff either individually or as part of a group. A lead plaintiff is a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action, and whose duties may include testifying at deposition and trial. I understand that the litigation is not settled, this is not a claim form, and sharing in any recovery is not dependent upon execution of this Certification.
4. Plaintiff's transaction(s) in the **SMITH BARNEY FAMILY OF FUNDS**, security that is the subject of this action during the period are as follows:

<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Stock Symbol</u>	<u>Buy/Sell</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Price Per Share</u>
(See attached)				

Please list other transactions on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

5. During the three years prior to the date of this Certification, Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for the class in any action filed under the federal securities laws except as indicated here:

6. Plaintiff has complete investment authority and is the agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority to bring suit to recover for investment losses.
7. The undersigned is authorized to sign this Certification on behalf of Plaintiff.
8. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond the Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery, or as ordered or approved by the court, including any award for reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this ____ day of December, 2005.


Signature
Robert Markham
Chairman, Pension Fund Board of Trustees
Operating Engineers Local 649 Annuity Trust Fund

Print Name

Operating Engineers Loc. 649 Annuity Fund Attachment – Capital Preservation Fund

<u>Purchases</u>			<u>Sales</u>		
Date	Amount	Value	Date	Amount	Value
09/20/2000	25,517	\$415,000	11/10/2000	248	\$3,329
04/04/2001	11,917	\$200,000	02/13/2001	245	\$3,286
07/03/2002	16,857.4	\$300,000	08/13/2001	250	\$4,274
12/29/2003	12,960	\$250,000	12/31/2001	250	\$3,389
04/07/2004	23,065	\$450,000	03/29/2002	250	\$4,406
03/29/2005	9,872	\$200,000	05/14/2002	250	\$3,382
04/29/2005	9,872	\$200,000	08/09/2002	250	\$3,428
			11/13/2002	260	\$4,759
			02/24/2003	260	\$3,567
			05/13/2003	260	\$4,876
			08/12/2003	260	\$3,564
			11/12/2003	260	\$3,566
			03/10/2004	260	\$3,612
			05/13/2004	268	\$5,235
			08/12/2004	281	\$5,545
			11/12/2004	282	\$5,617
			03/02/2005	282	\$5,669
			05/10/2005	9,871	\$200,098
			05/10/2005	282	\$5,728
			08/09/2005	287	\$5,897

Holdings

End of year 2000: 393,411 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value \$6,476,093)
End of year 2001: 404,582 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value \$7,043,771)
End of year 2002: 420,227 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value of \$7,702,763)
End of year 2003: 432,145 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value of \$8,310,142)
End of year 2004: 454,118 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value of \$9,086,895)
End of year 2005: 463,138 shares of Capital Preservation Fund (value of \$9,600,851)

**CERTIFICATION OF NAMED PLAINTIFF
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

I, JEFFREY WEBER, ("Plaintiff"), declare the following as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and has authorized the filing of a complaint based on similar allegations in a related or amended complaint. Plaintiff retains Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP and such co-counsel it deems appropriate to associate with to pursue such action on a contingent fee basis.
2. Plaintiff did not purchase the security that is the subject of this action at the direction of Plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in this private action.
3. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff either individually or as part of a group. A lead plaintiff is a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action, and whose duties may include testifying at deposition and trial. I understand that the litigation is not settled, this is not a claim form, and sharing in any recovery is not dependent upon execution of this Certification.
4. Plaintiff's transaction(s) in the SMITH BARNEY FAMILY OF FUNDS, security that is the subject of this action during the period are as follows:

No. of Shares	Stock Symbol	Buy/Sell	Date	Price Per Share
7,188.056	Smith Barney Large Cap Growth & Value	Buy	7/21/99	\$11.52

Please list other transactions on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

5. During the three years prior to the date of this Certification, Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for the class in any action filed under the federal securities laws except as indicated here: None

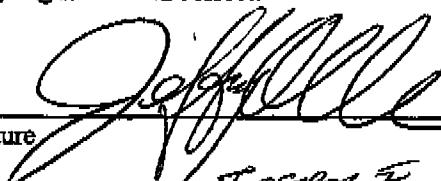
6. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond the Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery, or as ordered or approved by the court, including any award for reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this ___ day of December, 2005.

Signature

Print Name



JEFFREY E. WEBER

EXHIBIT 2

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Stull, Stull & Brody Announces Amended Class Action against Smith Barney Fund Management LLC on Behalf of Purchasers of Smith Barney Mutual Funds

Wednesday October 12, 6:07 pm ET

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 12, 2005--Notice is hereby given that an amended class action lawsuit was filed on October 11, 2005 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, against Smith Barney Fund Management LLC ("Smith Barney") and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. ("Global Markets") on behalf of purchasers and holders of Smith Barney mutual funds during the period between August 26, 2000 and August 26, 2005, inclusive (the "Class Period").

The Smith Barney mutual funds and their respective symbols are as follows:

Smith Barney Aggressive Growth Fund (Nasdaq: [SHRAX](#) - News, [SAGBX](#) - News, [SAGCX](#) - News, [SAGYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney All Cap Growth and Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SPAAX](#) - News, [SPB BX](#) - News, [SPBLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Appreciation Fund (Nasdaq: [SHAPX](#) - News, [SAPBX](#) - News, [SAPCX](#) - News, [SAPYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Arizona Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [SLAZX](#) - News, [SAZBX](#) - News, [SAZLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Balanced Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SEBBX](#) - News, [SCBBX](#) - News, [SCBCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney California Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [SHRCX](#) - News, [SCABX](#) - News, [SCACK](#) - News)
Smith Barney Classic Values Fund (Nasdaq: [SCLAX](#) - News, [SCLBX](#) - News, [SCLLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Conservative Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBCPX](#) - News, [SBCBX](#) - News, [SBCLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Diversified Large Cap Growth Fund (Nasdaq: [CFLGX](#) - News, [CLCBX](#) - News, [SMDLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Diversified Strategic Income Fund (Nasdaq: [SDSAX](#) - News, [SLDSX](#) - News, [SDSIX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Dividend and Income Fund (Nasdaq: [SUTAX](#) - News, [SLSUX](#) - News, [SBBLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Financial Services Fund (Nasdaq: [SBFAX](#) - News, [SBFBX](#) - News, [SFSLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Florida Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBFLX](#) - News, [FLABX](#) - News, [SFLLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Fundamental Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SHFVX](#) - News, [SFVBX](#) - News, [SFBCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Georgia Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBGAX](#) - News, [SBRBX](#) - News, [SGALX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Global All Cap Growth and Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SPGAX](#) - News, [SPGGX](#) - News, [SPGLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Global Government Bond Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBGLCX](#) - News, [SBGBX](#) - News, [SGGLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Global Portfolio (Nasdaq: [CAGAX](#) - News, [CAGBX](#) - News, [SGPLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Government Securities Fund (Nasdaq: [SGVAX](#) - News, [HGVSX](#) - News, [SGSLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Group Spectrum Fund (Nasdaq: [SGSAX](#) - News, [SGSBX](#) - News, [SFTLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Growth Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SGCRX](#) - News, [SGR BX](#) - News, [SCGCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Hansberger Global Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SGLAX](#) - News, [SGLBX](#) - News, [SGLCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Health Sciences Fund (Nasdaq: [SBIAX](#) - News, [SBHBX](#) - News, [SBHLX](#) - News)
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Smith Barney Intermediate Maturity NY Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [IMNYX](#) - News, [SNMBX](#) - News, [SINLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney International All Cap Growth Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBIEX](#) - News, [SBIBX](#) - News, [SBICX](#) - News)
Smith Barney International Large Cap Fund (Nasdaq: [CFIPX](#) - News, [SILCX](#) - News, [SILLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Investment Grade Bond Fund (Nasdaq: [SIGAX](#) - News, [HBDIX](#) - News, [SBILX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Large Cap Core Fund (Nasdaq: [GROAX](#) - News, [GROBX](#) - News, [SCPLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Large Cap Growth and Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SPSAX](#) - News, [SPSBX](#) - News, [SPSLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Large Cap Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SBCIX](#) - News, [SBCCX](#) - News, [SBGCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Large Capitalization Growth Fund (Nasdaq: [SBLGX](#) - News, [SBLBX](#) - News, [SLCCX](#) - News, [SBLYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Limited term Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBLTX](#) - News, [STM BX](#) - News, [SMLLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Managed Governments Fund (Nasdaq: [SHMGX](#) - News, [MGBX](#) - News, [SMGLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Managed Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [SHMMX](#) - News, [SMMBX](#) - News, [SMMCX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Massachusetts Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [SILMMX](#) - News, [SMABX](#) - News, [SMALX](#) - News)

Smith Barney Mid Cap Core Fund (Nasdaq: [SBMAX](#) - News, [SBMDX](#) - News, [SBMLX](#) - News, [SMBYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Municipal High Income Fund (Nasdaq: [STXAX](#) - News, [SXMT](#) - News, [SMHLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney National Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBBNX](#) - News, [SBNBX](#) - News, [SBNLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney New Jersey Municipals Fund (Nasdaq: [SHNJX](#) - News, [SNJBX](#) - News, [SNJLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney New York Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBNYX](#) - News, [SMNEX](#) - News, [SBYLYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Oregon Municipal Fund (Nasdaq: [SHORX](#) - News, [SORBX](#) - News, [SORLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Pennsylvania Portfolio (Nasdaq: [SBPAX](#) - News, [SBPBX](#) - News, [SPALX](#) - News)
Smith Barney S & P 500 Index Fund (Nasdaq: [SESPX](#) - News)
Smith Barney SB Adjustable Rate Income Fund (Nasdaq: [ARMZX](#) - News, [ARMBX](#) - News, [ARMGX](#) - News)
Smith Barney SB Capital and Income Fund (Nasdaq: [SOPAX](#) - News, [SOPTX](#) - News, [SBPLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney SB Convertible Fund (Nasdaq: [SCRAX](#) - News, [SCVSX](#) - News, [SMCLX](#) - News, [SCVYX](#) - News)
Smith Barney SB Growth & Income Fund (Nasdaq: [GRIAX](#) - News, [BRIBX](#) - News, [SGAIX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Short Duration Municipal Income Fund (Nasdaq: [SHDAX](#) - News, [SHDBX](#) - News, [SHDLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Short-Term Investment Grade Bond Fund (Nasdaq: [SBSTX](#) - News, [SHBBX](#) - News, [SSTLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Small Cap Core Fund (Nasdaq: [SBDSX](#) - News, [SBDBX](#) - News, [SBDLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Small Cap Growth Fund (Nasdaq: [SBSGX](#) [SBYBX](#), [SBSLX](#))
Smith Barney Small Cap Growth Opportunities Fund (Nasdaq: [CFSGX](#) - News, [SMO BX](#) - News, [SGOLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Small Cap Value Fund (Nasdaq: [SBVAX](#) - News, [SBVBX](#) - News, [SBVLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Social Awareness Fund (Nasdaq: [SSIAX](#) - News, [SESIX](#) - News, [SESIX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Technology Fund (Nasdaq: [SBTAX](#) - News, [SBTBX](#) - News, [SBQLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney Total Return Bond Fund (Nasdaq: [TRBAX](#) - News, [TRBBX](#) - News, [SBTLX](#) - News)
Smith Barney U.S. Government Securities Fund (Nasdaq: [SBCGX](#) - News, [SBUBX](#) - News, [SBULX](#) - News)

If you purchased any of the Smith Barney mutual funds between August 26, 2000 and August 26, 2005, inclusive, and sustained damages, you may, no later than December 12, 2005, request that the Court appoint you as lead plaintiff. A lead plaintiff is a representative party that acts on behalf of other class members in directing the litigation. In order to be appointed lead plaintiff, the Court must determine that the class member=s claim is typical of the claims of other class members, and that the class member will adequately represent the class. Under certain circumstances, one or more class members may together serve as "lead plaintiff." Your ability to share in any recovery is not, however, affected by the decision whether or not to serve as a lead plaintiff. You may retain Stull, Stull & Brody, or other counsel of your choice, to serve as your counsel in this action. Stull, Stull & Brody has litigated many class actions for violations of securities laws in federal courts over the past 30 years and has obtained court approval of substantial settlements on numerous occasions. Stull, Stull & Brody maintains offices in both New York and Los Angeles.

The action is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against defendants Smith Barney and Global Markets. The amended complaint alleges that during the Class Period, Smith Barney served as investment advisor to the Smith Barney mutual funds and in this capacity recommended that the Smith Barney mutual funds contract with an affiliate of Smith Barney to performer limited transfer agent services while sub-contracting with the Smith Barney mutual funds' existing transfer agent. The existing transfer agent would perform almost all the same services it had previously performed, but at a steep discount, permitting Smith Barney's affiliate to keep the discount and thus gain a high profit while performing only limited work. The amended complaint alleges that this transaction was made in self-interest in order to permit Smith Barney and its affiliates to profit at the expense of the Smith Barney mutual funds and their shareholders.

If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests with respect to these matters, please contact James Lahm at Stull, Stull & Brody by calling toll-free 1-800-337-4983, or by e-mail at SSBNY@aol.com, or by fax at 212/490-2022, or by writing to Stull, Stull & Brody, 6 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017. You can also visit our website at www.ssbnyc.com.

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Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP was formed in 1993 as a boutique litigation practice to represent institutional and individual investors in shareholder class and derivative action litigation and consumers in consumer fraud and antitrust litigation. The firm has been recognized by THE NATIONAL LAW Journal for three consecutive years as one of the top plaintiffs' firms in the country. In 2005, THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL named only twelve firms to the list (down from twenty-five in 2003 and twenty in 2004), not all of which do securities litigation. The firm has also received Martindale-Hubbell's highest ratings for legal ability (A) and ethical standards (V). With approximately thirty lawyers, the firm has offices in New York and Pennsylvania.

We have been appointed lead counsel in numerous class actions around the country and actively litigated scores of actions to successful conclusions. For example, the firm, as lead or executive committee counsel, has successfully obtained many multi-million dollar settlements of securities class actions and commercial litigations. These cases include: *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation* (in which there is a \$1 billion minimum settlement guarantee, preliminarily approved by the court); *In re Deutsche Telekom AG Securities Litigation* (\$120 million); *AXA Financial Shareholders Litigation* (\$500 million increased merger consideration); *Lin Broadcasting Corporation Shareholders Litigation* (\$64 million increased merger consideration); *Bankers Trust Securities Litigation* (\$58 million); *Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$42 million); *Riscorp Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$21 million); *Banpais S.A. Securities Litigation* (\$9.25 million); and *Triton Energy Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$8 million). The firm acted as special litigation counsel to the Creditors Committee of Pandick Inc. (formerly the largest financial printer in the country) in connection with a complex fraudulent conveyance litigation and successfully recovered from Pandick's banks and directors over \$14 million for Pandick's creditors.

The firm has also served as lead counsel in numerous corporate governance and corporate takeover litigations (both hostile and friendly) on behalf of stockholders of public corporations. The firm has prosecuted actions challenging numerous highly publicized corporate transactions which violated fair process and fair price, and the applicability of the business judgment rule. These cases have resulted in multi-million dollar improvements in transaction terms and in strengthening the democratic rights of public shareholders. Recently, the firm successfully represented the public stockholders of Quickturn Design Systems, Inc. in a trial in the Delaware Chancery Court, which invalidated a modified “dead-hand” poison pill anti-takeover provision. The trial verdict was affirmed by the Delaware Supreme Court, paving the way for a takeover of Quickturn at a substantial premium.

The firm has an active consumer practice, and has, for instance, obtained large settlements in consumer fraud class actions for classes consisting of owners and lessees of certain Volvo automobiles (\$30 million) and certain Saab automobiles (\$4.25 million). The firm has also achieved substantial consumer class action settlements against processors of apple juice, including Minute Maid, Juicy Juice, and Tropicana, as well as against Doan’s Back Pills.

The firm is presently litigating antitrust and consumer class actions against Pfizer, Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, and many Not-For-Profit Hospitals in the Northeast.

Courts have repeatedly praised the efforts of the firm and its partners.

Vice Chancellor (now Delaware Supreme Court Justice) Myron T. Steele, in approving a shareholder class action settlement about which the Court stated “I’m impressed with the innovative nature...of the benefit that’s been provided”, continued his remarks to partner Stanley Bernstein: “It’s my turn to make a compliment in open court: that the plaintiff is represented by highly competent counsel, a counsel that demonstrates consistently to me an incredible work ethic in achieving the benefits that were achieved here.” *In re Illinois Central Corporation Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. 16184 (Del. Chancery Ct.), Transcript of Hearing, Feb. 25, 1999 at 29-30.

Judge Denise Cote, in approving a \$7.5 million settlement where the firm served as sole lead counsel, found that: “Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are skilled in federal securities and class action litigation Counsel have been diligent and well prepared. Jeffrey Haber, in particular, was

especially helpful . . . Plaintiffs' counsel has performed an important public service in this action and have done so efficiently and with integrity . . . You have the thanks of this court." *In re Take Two Interactive Software, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 01 Civ. 9919, S.D.N.Y., Transcript of Hearing, October 4, 2002 at 40, 44.

In approving a settlement on behalf of the purchasers of Tower Air, Inc. securities and describing the firm's services for the class as sole lead counsel, Judge Reena Raggi of the Eastern District of New York commented that: "[t]he quality of the legal work throughout has been high and conscientious...." *In re Tower Air, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 94 Civ. 1347, E.D.N.Y., Transcript of Hearing, February 9, 1996 at 52.

Chief Judge Gene Carter of Maine, in commenting on three of the firm's current partners at their respective law firms, noted that "the performance of counsel ... has been absolutely outstanding. It has been a pleasure to be involved with each of you in handling this case." *Nensel v. Peoples Heritage Financial Group, Inc.*, No. 91-324-P-C, D. Me., Transcript of Hearing, December 17, 1992 at 12.

Judge Wayne Andersen of the Northern District of Illinois, in approving a proxy fraud settlement, commented to partner Stanley Bernstein: "Mr. Bernstein, it has actually been a pleasure getting to know and work with you on this....you make a really good presentation." *Hager v. Schawk, Inc.*, No. 95 C6974, N.D. Ill., Transcript of Hearing, May 21, 1997 at 22.

Similarly, Judge Robert Cindrich of the Western District of Pennsylvania, in approving a securities fraud settlement, endorsed the findings that: "Counsel. . . have been professional and realistic in this matter . . . The court has been impressed with the competence and candor of counsel. . ." *DeCicco v. American Eagle Outfitters Inc.*, C.A. 95-1937, Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Kenneth Benson, November 25, 1996 at 6 (adopted as opinion of Court by Judge Cindrich, December 12, 1996).

FIRM BIOGRAPHY

Partners

Stanley D. Bernstein is a 1980 graduate of the New York University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Journal of International Law and Politics. He is a frequent lecturer on directors and

officers liability, class action and securities law issues at seminars organized nationwide by Practising Law Institute, The American Conference Institute, Tillinghast-Towers Perrin and other organizations. Prior to forming Bernstein Liebhard & Lifshitz, LLP, Mr. Bernstein practiced securities and commercial litigation at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Gelberg & Abrams and Kreindler & Kreindler. Mr. Bernstein is vice chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, and was lead counsel in many of the leading securities cases enforcing and expanding the rights of shareholders, including: *In re Sears, Roebuck Derivative Litigation* and *In re Archer Daniels Midlands Corp. Derivative Litigation*, (pioneering cases which improved corporate governance at both companies); *In re Bankers Trust Securities Litigation* (largest recovery ever on behalf of defrauded securities sellers - \$58 million); and, *Shapiro v. Quickturn Design Systems* (successfully tried in Delaware Chancery Court and affirmed by Delaware Supreme Court, invalidating anti-takeover device).

He has been lead counsel in scores of securities class actions and is one of the most active litigators in the nation on behalf of shareholder rights in the Delaware Chancery Court where most important corporate governance litigation is conducted. He has tried many cases in state and federal court, and has successfully argued appeals on behalf of shareholders to the Delaware Supreme Court and the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He is admitted to the Bars of the States of New York and Florida.

Sandy A. Liebhard is a 1988 graduate from Brooklyn Law School and has practiced all aspects of securities law for the past 15 years. He has been lead or co-lead counsel in such major securities cases as *AXA Financial Shareholders Litigation* (\$500 million in increased merger consideration); *Lin Broadcasting Corporation Shareholders Litigation* (recovering \$64 million in increased merger consideration); *Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Securities Litigation* (achieving a \$42 million recovery for defrauded shareholders); and *In re Tenneco Securities Litigation* (\$50 million recovery). Mr. Liebhard presently serves as lead or co-lead counsel in such major cases as *In re Terayon Communication Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Revlon, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re BellSouth Corp. Securities Litigation*, and is currently serving on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Initial Public Offering*

Securities Litigation. He is admitted to the Bars of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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